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SOUTH AGAINST PRES. WILSON

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Economically, South Is Advancing at Rapid Gait He Says.

K. Dyal is home from a prolonged stay in various Southern states. He has again resumed management of his business in this city and Mr. Mattice is a partner and the firm will be known as Dyal & Mattice. Incidental to his return from the sunny South, Mr. Dyal discusses economical and political questions from the viewpoint of a man who has been among the Southerners on a prolonged stay. In this connection Mr. Dyal relates:

Many changes have taken place in the South since the days of reconstruction, but none have played so important a part as the dawn which has broken the "solid south" politically, for with the advent of a more tolerant and liberal feeling in things pertaining to government has come a desire on the part of capitalist to invest and thus increase the valuation of property. The southerner acquired or inherited a feeling of animosity towards the North during the Civil war which until recently has been unfavorable to a man or corporation seeking a field in the South, and especially has this been the case in the rural districts. Having had occasion to

visit the country in the last 11 years I observe a powerful sentiment in favor of the northerner making his home among them; and also with this we see a valuable change taking place regarding agriculture; instead of solely depending on the cotton crop as a source of revenue to meet their obligations considerable stock raising, truck-farming and manufacturing is being scientifically done. We find the same open hearted hospitality that has ever been characteristic of the older generations; in fact our neighbors from the north seem to contract the disease and after a few years residence it is difficult to distinguish between the two as far as concerns hospitality.

Just at the present time I have had an opportunity to size up the political situation, it being a presidential year and not one to be passed by without serious attention being given to the man that is in the White house at present, together with Mr. Hughes and also Allen Benson. Mr. Wilson will run well in the South as all Democrats do, but not so well as four years ago unless some rapid change should develop in his policies; he has strong opponents to his policies among some very strong and influential Democrats, some who will prefer Judge Hughes any time rather than a continuation of our Mexican or European attitude. Among those who are antagonistic and are publicly denouncing him is the Hon. Thomas E. Watson. He possesses the ability to convince and lead a great number of voters to comprehend and follow his opinions.

He is mixing a great deal of religious persecution in his fight against Mr. Wilson which I think is shameful and out of place when we realize that

we live in a country of free speech, free thought and free religious liberty, guaranteed by the constitution, but all people don't see alike and Mr. Watson is receiving an abundance of encouragement. Mr. Roosevelt would poll an enormous vote in the south-land. However, Judge Hughes will be acceptable to the majority who would have walked under the Roosevelt banner for he is not without his admirers. The voters comprising a large faction or element feel that a change of politics in the South giving power to some other than the past dominant party of that section would result in great and beneficial good. Under the past rule the politicians have been able without strong opposition to continue to follow along one line of policies which has led them into a kind of political rut. With another faction Mr. Hughes is much preferable to either Roosevelt or Wilson. This class of voters are what will be known as a pro-German element which will play an important part; not alone because they are Germans; but because they are opposed as far as they are personally concerned to their attitude; and feel that Hughes will be more harmonious to their ideas.

In fact I am out of politics—never was very strongly inclined—but feel confident that Mr. Hughes will be the next President of the United States. I am an admirer of Mr. Wilson but I feel that he is too strongly opposed and can't combat the force of such epithets, as, inefficiency, seclusiveness, watchful-waiting, war-tax and no war, failure to pass the rural credit bill so long till many are impatient; also the disposition made of the Panama Canal, our relations with Colombia and the attitude the present administration has taken on the war. The farmers of the south seem to think that he is responsible for the cost of living being higher than it has been in 37 years, or a great number of them do. Whether a man is guilty or not the people always place the blame. They feel that he was elected in part to lower the high prices through legislation; and that we as a people have no right to pay war prices when we are not at war.

The Socialists are gaining a foothold in the South which will also draw quite a number from the past solidity of the Democrats of that section. The condition of the country is not as bad financially as it was 18 months ago when Mrs. Dyal and I were down there. The farmers received a fair price for their cotton last year. The crops this season are for the most part very backward and the estimates of production are far below an average. In fact all through the country in almost every section where I have traveled the crop outlook is gloomy.

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GREATER THAN A KING.

The Old Mississippi River Pilot Was a Law Unto Himself

In that early day to be a pilot was to be "greater than a king." The Mississippi river pilot was a law unto himself—there was none above him. His direction of the boat was absolute; he could start or lay up when he chose; he could pass a landing regardless of business there, consulting nobody, not even the captain; he could take the boat into what seemed certain destruction, if he had that mind, and the captain was obliged to stand by, helpless and silent, for the law was with the pilot in everything.

Furthermore, the pilot was a gentleman. His work was clean and physically light. It ended the instant the boat was tied to the landing and did not begin again until it was ready to back into the stream; also for those days his salary was princely—the vice president of the United States did not receive more. As for prestige, the Mississippi pilot, perched high in his glass inclosure, fashionably dressed and commanding all below him, was the most conspicuous and showy, the most observed and envied creature in the world.

No wonder Sam Clemens, with his love of the river and his boyish fondness for honors, should aspire to that stately rank. Even at twenty-one he was still just a boy—as indeed he was till his death—and we may imagine how elated he was, starting up the great river as a real apprentice pilot who in a year or two would stand at the wheel, as his chief was now standing, a monarch with a splendid income and all the great river packed away in his head.—Albert Bigelow Patne in St. Nicholas.

HUNGRY ALL THE TIME.

In Other Ways, Too, the Earthworm is a Curious Creature

Midnight is the favorite play hour for earthworms. To catch a glimpse of them in the daytime you'll have to dig in the earth, which is their home, or watch for them after a heavy rain, when they can be found on top of the ground. But go out any warm night with a lantern, lie close to the ground on a lawn or terrace, and you'll probably see them in abundance.

Probably you've regarded the earthworm merely as a good fish bait and have never taken the trouble to learn his habits. When he's prowling around at night he's usually enjoying a feast on decaying leaves, grasses or animal matter. Before daylight he's back in the ground, burrowing his way in search of more food. His alimentary canal extends from one tip of his body to the other, so it's little wonder he's always hungry.

He has neither ears nor eyes, yet he's sensitive to light, and he knows when night comes just as other creatures with eyes. Another interesting fact is his method of laying eggs. He grows a band around his body like a belt, in which he deposits the eggs. Then he gradually works his way through this belt until he slips it off, when it closes up and forms a capsule to protect the eggs until they are hatched.

Vegetable growers sometimes regard the earthworm as a nuisance. They should be thankful, however, that those of North America are not so large as those in South Africa, where there are earthworms four and five feet long and as thick as a man's finger.—Philadelphia North American.

How Plants Remain Upright.

If a flowerpot is laid on its side the stalk of the plant growing in it gradually curves upward until it resumes the vertical position. This is called geotropic curvature, and the question is by what means the plant is stimulated to change its direction of growth. One theory avers that movable starch grains in the plant cells fall to the lower side as the position is changed and by their pressure influence the mechanism of growth.

The Ink That Homer Used.

Ink of various hues was used by the ancient Romans, that of a purple tint being considered the exclusive fluid for the execution of all royal writings, as it was distinctively the royal color. It is said that Homer's works were written in letters of gold on a roll 120 feet in length, formed of the intestines of serpents, but we are left in ignorance as to the method of preparing this ink.

Badly Balanced.

A witty Frenchman wrote at the commencement of this century a very interesting and amusing book bearing the title, "Les Agremens et les Chagrins des Mariages." In this work the first four pages are devoted to the "agremens" (joys) and the remaining 350 to the "chagrins" (sorrows).

The Real Trouble.

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